

July NEWSLETTER

Center For Developmental Disabilities
101 Pocono Drive, Milford, PA 18337



Dear Families,

We had a fantastic start to summer camp! Our campers have been busy making new friends, exploring exciting activities, creating fun crafts, and playing outdoor games as well as enjoying water play and the sprinkler!

Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email: nmessier@cddkids.org or on Lillio.

Warmly,
Nicole Messier
Director of Programs

What We're Learning

- **Early Head Start Classroom:** Our little sunshine seekers continue to play, explore, and discover all things summer! They will be learning through water play, ice activities, sand play, and other fun sensory experiences. On the playground, our lil campers have been thrilled to enjoy the new basketball hoop! As they practice shooting hoops, they are also learning valuable social skills, taking turns, and working together as a team. Whether they are jumping in the ball pit, chasing bubbles, or watching them float through the air, these simple summer favorites have brought so much joy and wonder to their days!
- **Preschool & School Age Classrooms:** Our campers embraced the great outdoors through camping-themed activities, nature exploration, bug discoveries, and an exciting scavenger hunt. It was a week full of adventure and curiosity! The fun continued as we blasted into outer space! Campers explored planets, stars, astronauts, rockets, and even some friendly aliens through hands-on activities, imaginative play, and creative crafts. This week we're celebrating all things red, white, and blue! Campers are enjoying festive Fourth of July activities, water games, picnic fun, and patriotic crafts as we celebrate the USA together!

Upcoming Events

July 3: Center Closed

July 6-10: **TREASURE HUNTERS**

July 13-17: **JURASSIC JOURNEY**

July 20-24: **OCEAN ODYSSEY**

July 27-31: **ENCHANTED FOREST**

August 3-7: **COLOR EXPLOSION**

August 10-14: **MINI MAKERS LAB**

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year is open, contact Vicki, our Family Support Specialist!



Classroom Spotlights



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Speech – Talk, Play, Learn!

Creating a Language-Rich Environment This Summer

Summer is full of natural opportunities to support your child's language development. Whether you're at home, on a walk, or exploring new places, simple interactions can help strengthen vocabulary, sentence structure, and comprehension.

Read Repetitive, Predictable Books

Repetitive books help children anticipate phrases and join in. Pause occasionally to let your child fill in a familiar word or finish a sentence; this builds confidence and comprehension.

Model Clear, Complete Sentences

Children learn grammar by hearing it. Use clear, complete sentences in everyday conversations. If your child says, "I love to swim," expand it to: "I love to swim in the pool." If they say, "Me love to swim," revise it gently with: "I love to swim too!" This keeps communication positive while giving them a correct model. Parentese (a warm, sing-song voice using real words) is helpful for infants and toddlers up to about age 3.

Preschoolers benefit most from natural, conversational speech. Baby talk (made-up words) isn't recommended at any age, so stick with clear, real language while keeping your tone warm and engaging.

Introduce New Vocabulary on Summer Adventures

Outings are full of new words. When you visit a new place, offer simple explanations: "We're at a museum! A museum is a place where people keep and show important things." Naming what you see helps your child connect language to real experiences.

Keep It Fun and Connected

Follow your child's interests, talk about what they notice, and celebrate their attempts to communicate. These everyday moments create a language-rich environment all summer long.